

H-CSC: Membership Fees Regulation

Purpose and scope

This document governs the annual membership contributions required from Members of the Healthcare Cyber Security Center (H-CSC) association.

By paying the membership fee, Members of the H-CSC gain access to a range of cybersecurity services. While some services are included in the membership fee, others are offered by the association at an additional cost. For more information on the H-CSC service portfolio and its structure, please visit h-csc.ch.

1 Membership contributions

1.1 Obligation to pay fees

The H-CSC is established as a non-profit association. In order to fulfill its mission (as outlined in the statutes), the association is financed through annual contributions from all Members.

All healthcare institutions in Switzerland can potentially become Members of the H-CSC. However, to ensure sustainable growth, the association is currently focusing on Swiss hospitals with a public service mandate, including acute care, psychiatric, and rehabilitation clinics, as defined by the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH/BAG) and the Cantons.

1.2 Contribution categories

The amount of the annual membership fee depends on the size and financial capacity of the respective healthcare institution. In particular, the following criteria are taken into account: number of beds, number of employees and annual turnover.

There are two fee categories:

- **Category 1** – Applies to healthcare institutions that meet *at least one* of the following threshold criteria:
 - More than **300 beds**
 - More than **3'000 employees**
 - Annual turnover exceeding **CHF 300 million**

Annual fee: CHF 12'000.–

- **Category 2** – Applies to healthcare institutions that do not meet any of the three threshold criteria listed above.

Annual fee: CHF 6'000.-

A detailed overview of the fee categories is shown in the table below.

Contribution category	Criteria for membership
1: CHF 12'000 / year	Have a public service mandate OR > 300 beds OR > 3'000 employees OR > 300 million CHF yearly revenue

2: CHF 6'000 / year	Have a public service mandate AND < 300 beds AND < 3'000 employees AND < 300 million CHF yearly revenue
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Members in fee category 1 are entitled to two delegated representatives, i.e. two votes at the General Assembly. Members in fee category 2 are entitled to one delegated representative, i.e. one vote.

2 Healthcare institutions not eligible for membership

At the moment, the association is not open to hospitals or other healthcare institutions without a public service mandate.

3 Special case: Group membership

Group membership is possible provided that the following conditions are met:

- The members of the group are part of a common legal entity, are economically linked and centrally managed (e.g. legal entities within a corporate group).
- Each individual member of the group fulfils the membership criteria in accordance with the statutes.
- Cybersecurity and ICT operational responsibility for the group is managed centrally.
- The parent organization of the group becomes the legal member of the H-CSC.
- The parent organization (H-CSC member) is obliged to inform the H-CSC of any relevant changes in the composition of the group membership.

In this case, the group pays a consolidated membership fee covering all affiliated healthcare institutions. At the General Assembly, such a group is entitled, depending on the fee category, to:

- two delegated representatives, i.e. two votes (Category 1), or
- one delegated representative, i.e. one vote (Category 2).

If the above-mentioned conditions are not met, each healthcare institution within the group is assessed individually and must pay its membership fee in accordance with the standard fee categories.

Language note: This document is available in multiple language versions. In the event of any discrepancy, the German version shall prevail.